RG104 E-1 Box 193

Mayville N.Y.
(Chautauqua Co)

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Very truly Yours
Wm A. W. Fourgier

To the Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint.

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Mrs A. W. Inergee.
Maysville N.J.

Writes & asks why the stars on our coins are made with six points instead of only 5? a reason is given.

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~~Six pointed Stars~~

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[Enclosed note:]

No. 18. Treasury Department

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